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**Repairs Underway to Open the Glendale Freeway (SR-2) and Golden State Freeway (I-5)
Closures After Tanker Fire**

Los Angeles – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been working through the night to remove damaged materials and shore up the tunnel in order to safely open the road. The intense heat from the tanker fire caused extensive damage to the pavement, walls, support columns, drainage, and lighting within the tunnel requiring the closure of all lanes of northbound I-5 at SR-2 and two lanes of southbound I-5. The northbound SR-2/northbound I-5 connector is closed indefinitely.

Caltrans structural, design, maintenance, and construction engineers have instructed the contractor to construct a temporary system to support the structures which hold the lanes of northbound and southbound I-5. Once the shoring system is complete and roadway is deemed safe, the I-5 lanes closures will be lifted. The lanes are expected to open by Tuesday, July 16.

Closures currently in place:

Northbound I-5 closed at SR-2

Northbound SR-2 at Glendale Boulevard

Northbound I-5 to Southbound SR-2 connector

Southbound SR-2 to Southbound I-5 connector

Northbound SR-2 to Northbound I-5

Southbound I-5, the #3 and #4 lanes are closed from Los Feliz to Stadium Way

“We are pushing as hard as we can to open the lanes of SR-2 and I-5 to traffic for Tuesday’s morning commute,” said Acting District 7 Deputy District Director of Maintenance John Yang. “Motorists should consider public transit and alternate routes around this area.”

The materials and equipment necessary for repairs are being trucked in from another location, and the CHP is escorting the delivery in order to expedite repairs. Motorists are asked to provide space and patience as we escort equipment on southbound SR-14 to I-5 into the closure.

The CHP and Caltrans would like to thank the motoring public for their patience and understanding during to this incident.

Detours are posted. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area, use public transit, or use alternate routes.

Caltrans and CHP encourages motorists to *Slow for the Cone Zone* and *Move Over*.